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HIS MAIESTIES TWO SPEECHES.

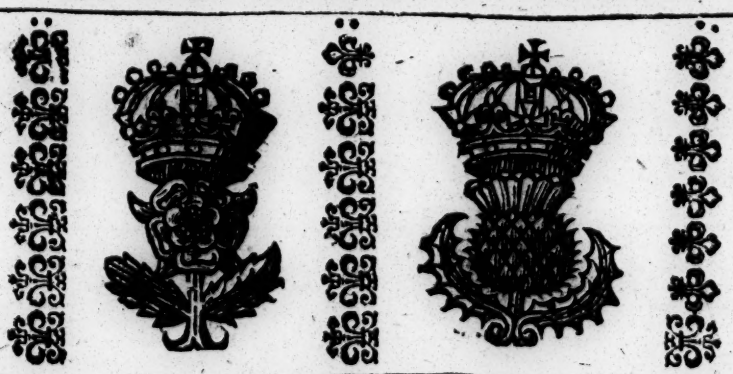
ONE

To the KNIGHTS, Gentlemen, and Free-holders of the County of *Nottingham*, at NEWARKE.

The Other,

To the Knights, Gentlemen, and Free-holders of the County of *Lincolne*, at LINCOLNE.

With ſeverall Votes of both Houſes of Parliament concerning the raiſing of an Army, for the ſafety of the King, and both Houſes of Parliament.



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HIS

MAIESTIES SPEECH

To the Knights, Gentlemen, and Freholders of the County of *Nottingham*, at *Newarke*.

Gentlemen;

YOur honeſt Reſolutions and Affections to me and your Countrey, for the defence of my perſon, and the Lawes of the Land, have bin and are ſo notable, that they have drawne me hither onely to thanke you, I goe to other places to confirme and undeceive my Subiects, but am come hither only to thanke and encourage you: you have made the beſt iudgement of happineſſe, by relying on that foundation, which the experience of ſo many hundred yeares hath given ſuch proofe of, the aſſurance and ſecurity of

the *Law*: and assure your selves when lawes shall be altered by any other Authority, then that by which they were made, your foundations are destroyed: and although it seeme at first but to take away my power, it will quickly swallow all your Interest. I aske nothing of you (though your demeanour gives me good evidence that you are not willing to deny) but but to preserve your owne affections to the Religion and lawes established, *I* will iustifye and protect those affections, and will live and dye with you in that quarell.

His

His Majesties SPEECH,

To the Knights, Gentlemen, and Freeholders, of the County of Lincolne, and at Lincolne.

Gentlemen,

IF I could have suspected your affections, or have censured the duty of this County, by some late actions in it, I should not have taken this paines to have given a Testimony of my affection to you, and to remove those objections, which being raised by a Malignant Party, may by their cunning and industry, get credit even with honest minds. The truth is, I come to you to assure you of my purposes and Resolutions for the Defence of what ever is or should be deare unto you, your Religion, your Liberty, your Common Interest, and the Law of the Land: & to undeceive you of that opinion, which I hear hath misled many of you, That the pretended Ordinance of the Militia is warranted by my consent and Authority. As I have already informed you, by my severall Declarations and Messages, that the same is against the knowne Law, and an Invasion of my unquestionable Right, and of your Liberty and property, so I doe now declare unto you, that the same is imposed upon you against my expresse consent, and in contempt of my Regall Authority; and therefore whosoever shall henceforth presume to Execute or Obey the same, I shall proceed against them, as against such

who promote Rebellion, and actually leave War against me: and I doubt not but you will sadly consider, that if any Authority without and against my consent may lawfully impose such burthens upon you, it may likewise take away all that you have from you, and subject you to their lawlesse Arbitrary power and Government: and how farre they are like to exercise that Jurisdiction towards you, you may guesse by the insolence of Sir *John Hotham* at *Hull*, who (being a Subiect) not onely presumes to keepe His Soverain, by force of Arms, out of His Town, but murthers his Fellow-Subjects, imprisons them, burns their Houses, drowns their Lands, takes them Captives, and commits such Outrages, and Acts of Hostility, as the most equall and outragious enemies practise in any Countrey; that you may see how impossible it is for your Liberties and Properties to be preserved, your King is Oppressed; and His just Rights taken from Him. Who hath brought these Calamities upon your Neighbours at *Hull*; every man sees; & they only can bring the same uponyou. I will not beleeve you to be so insensible of the benefits you have received from me, that I need put you in mind of the gracions Acts passed by me this Parliament on your behalfes; and if there be any thing wanting, to the making you the happiest Subjects in the world, I am sure it is not my fault that you have not that too: Be not deceived with words, and generall expressions; It is not in your power to name one particnlar which might make you happy, that I have refused to grant: be not frighted with apprehensions, that this Country is like to be the Seat of a war; the

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'eat of a war will be onely where perſons riſe in ebellion againſt me; that will not, I hope, be here, nd then you ſhall be ſure of my protection. I will live and dye in your defence; and that you may be in a readineſſe, and a poſture to defend your ſelves and me, againſt any Invaſion or Rebellion, I have Armed ſeverall Perſons of Honour, Quality, and Reputation amongſt you, and of your owne Country, with a Commiſsion of Array to that purpoſe: there is no honeſt end declared in that Ordinance, which is not provided for by this Commiſsion, which being according to the old knowne Law, is fit for your obedience, and I doubt not will find it.

In a word, I aſſure you, upon the faith and honour of a Chriſtian King, I will be alwayes as tender of any thing which may advance the true Proteſtant Religion, protect & preſerve the Lawes of the Land, and defend the juſt Priviledge and Freedome of Parliament, as of my life, or Crowne: and when I faile in either of theſe, I will not looke for your aſsiſtance; till then you are concerned, not to ſee me ſuffer.

Votes of both Houſes.

Die Martis 12. *Iulii*, 1642.

Reſolved upon the Queſtion.

THat an Army be forthwith raiſed for the ſafety of the Kings Perſon, defence of both Houſes of Parliament, and of thoſe who have obeyed their Orders and Commands, and preſerving of the true Religion, the lawes, liberty, and peace of the Kingdome.

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Reſolved upon the Queſtion.

That the Earle of *Eſſex* ſhall be Generall.

Reſolved upon the Queſtion.

That this Houſe doth declare, that in this cauſe, for the ſafety of the Kings Perſon, defence of both Houſes of Parliament, and of thoſe who have obeyed their Orders and Commands, and preſerving of the true Religion, the lawes, liberty and peace of the Kingdome, they will live and dye with the Earle of *Eſſex*, whom they have nominated Generall in this Cauſe.

Reſolved upon the Queſtion.

That a Petition ſhall be framed, to move his Maieſty to a good accord with his Parliament, to prevent a Civill War.

The Petition being drawne, was agreed unto upon the Queſtion, and with theſe Votes were preſented unto the Lords,, who returned anſwer, they did concurre with the Houſe of Commons *in omnibus*.

Whereupon both Houſes Ordered, that the Earle of *Holland*, Sir *John Holland*, and Sir *Philip Stapleton*, ſhould forthwith repaire to *Beverly*, and preſent the Petition unto his Maieſty.

The Meſſage of the 11 of *July* came to the Houſe of Peeres, after this Petition was agreed on, being ſo full an anſwer thereto, as both Houſes reſolved to give no other Anſwer to that Meſſage but the ſaid Petition.

Reſolved upon th. Queſtion, June 14. 1642.

That all the Members of this Houſe that have ſubſcribed for the bringing in Money, Horſe, or Plate, doe bring in the ſame by Tueſday next, and that a Report be then made to the Houſe, who are defective herein.

Reſolved upon the Queſtion.

That the Earle of *Bedford* ſhall be Generall of the Horſe.

Henry Elſinge Cler. Parli. D. Com.

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